

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Md.	
COUNTY: Baltimore Co.	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: Monkton Mill			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Manor Mill, Gwinns Mill, Merrymans Mill			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Monkton Road below intersection of Shepherd Road, south or west side of road			
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton			
STATE Md. 21111	CODE	COUNTY: Baltimore Co.	CODE
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Asbel O. Fields			
STREET AND NUMBER: Monkton Road, Manor Mill			
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton	STATE: Md.	CODE	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Courthouse Liber 4159, f. 51; Parcel 115, Map No. 29			
STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN: Towson	STATE: Md. 21204	CODE	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7.97			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

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N. R. FIELD SHEET

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

3- $\frac{1}{2}$ story mill, brick on one story of stone; loading doors; three loading doors and overhanging hoise; a new cinder-block dwelling is attached to the mill.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☒losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarion ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Monkton Mills was a post office name, 1848-1883. The mill is standing just below Monkton at the crossing of Monkton and Shepherd Roads. A new cinder-block dwelling is attached to the mill. The water was from Charles Run. The village took its name from the Monkton Mills of William Wynn, who named them for Monkton Priory in Wales. The village was originally Charlotte Town.

It was shown as the property of John Merryman on both the 1850 Sidney map and 1877 atlas. Also, "Youth Finds Charlotte Town Plan," Sunday Sun, December 14, 1947. The mill was owned and operated by J.F. Schulz according to a Jeffersonian story of January 1940; Mr. Schulz was in the hospital and aged 80 at that time. The mill was owned and operated in 1944 by Arthur H. Deute (d. 1946), "State's Old Water Mills Get New Lease on Life," Evening Sun, June 30, 1944. The atlas of 1877 shows another "old mill", now vanished, on Matthews Road. The stone house adjoining the Matthews Road mill site has survived.

The date of the Monkton Mill is given in the First HABS Report of B.C. Historical Society as 1760; however, the present brick structure must be much more recent. Another theory about the village name is given in Nd. Historical Magazine, 52:248 by Esther Clark Wright in, "The Naming of Monkton Mills," wherein she states that the settlement was named by Robert Cummings for Monckton in Nova Scotia.

An unidentified mill symbol appears at the site on the 1795 Griffith map.

A sale notice in the Baltimore American, March 28, 1839 offers "that valuable estate known by the name of Monkton or more Commonly, Gwinn's Mills, situate 23 miles from the city on Susquehanna Railroad ... including ... mill..."

John Merryman sold to Samuel Miller in 1864. Successive ~~main~~ owners were Samuel M. Billingsley, 1917; Edna E. and S. Elmer Miller, 1917; Frank S. Shultz, 1920; Robert F. Fahy and wife, 1941; Arthur H. Deute and Jewel Deute, 1942; J. Talbott Kelley and wife, 1947; Charles C. Walts et al, 1948; K. Albrecht and Mary his wife, 1948; and Asbel O. and Hazel D. Fields, 1963.

* Also called Manor Branch, Merryman's Branch.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"State's Old Water Mills Get New Lease on Life," Evening Sun, June 30, 1944.
 "The Naming of Monkton Mills," Esther Clark Wright, Md. Hist. Mag., 52:248.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John W. McGrain	
ORGANIZATION Baltimore County Historical Society	DATE
STREET AND NUMBER: 9811 Van Buren Lane	
CITY OR TOWN: Cockeysville	STATE Md. 21039
	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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8. Significance (cont.)

References:

1. Liber TB#C folio 121
2. See Statement on Partridge House BCHS #410
3. Liber DMP#23 folio 291
4. Liber 40 folio 504
5. Liber 149 folio 346
6. The Sun, Jan. 30, 1867, p. 3.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
Monkton Mill		Miller's House		BCHS # 117 and #541	
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
South side Monkton Rd. east of Charles Run					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Monkton					
STATE			COUNTY:		
Maryland			Baltimore		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
Comments					

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME:					
Mr. and Mrs. Asbel O. Fields					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
Monkton Rd.					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Monkton			Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Baltimore County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Towson			STATE		
Maryland			_____		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Bk. #4159, p. 51					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:					
_____			STATE:		
_____			_____		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One)</div> <div>(Check One)</div> </div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Monkton Mill is a two storey brick structure on a stone ground storey, the latter being entirely above grade on the front (north) and partly below grade on the back. Three bays in width by two in depth, it has a gabled roof, plain corbeled brick cornice, and 6/6 windows with exposed wood lintels. Centered in the east end is a door in each of four storeys; the hoist beam is sheltered by a small extension of the roof. The deteriorating iron overshot wheel is on the south side; remains of the millrace may be seen above, and the tail race goes under the mill, thence underground is a stone-walled conduit with stone slabs supporting the turf above, to a point of discharge several hundred feet west of the mill, behind the Miller's house.</p> <p>Bricks are in common bond, with every seventh course headers.</p> <p>The entire interior is framed in straight sawn material, all exposed. A girder, supported by chamfered columns, parallel to the roof ridge, supports the joists, which span from the south wall to the north. Each storey is similarly framed. In the northeast corner of the second storey (the first brick storey) a small office is partitioned off, fully lathed and plastered. A single-flue chimney rises from this corner. Lathing is circular sawn, attached with cut nails. Rafters, exposed in the fourth or attic storey, are half-lapped and pinned at the ridge.</p> <p>Some of the mill's works survive, in situ.</p> <p>The Monkton Mill is one of several brick structures in Monkton, all of similar construction, and probably dating from the same period, conjectured to be in the decade following the Civil War. The most obvious similarities are their brickwork, their exposed wood lintels, and their 6/6 windows.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">James T. Wollon, Jr.</p> <p>The Miller's house is a rectangular two storey brick house above a high stone foundation, three bays in length, one room in depth. A one storey porch extends across the principal or east front, facing the mill, at the first floor level. An unmoulded four-panel door is centered between 6/6 windows with louvred blinds and exposed wood lintels. In its detailing, the Miller's House is identical to the adjacent mill, and was undoubtedly built at the same time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">James T. Wollon, Jr.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Monkton Mill is an old structure of rather questionable origin. There has been much conjecture about its origin and although at present time it would appear to be of middle 19th century, there is some evidence that it dates from much earlier period.

The Mill and Miller's House are on lot number 70. This land was leased from Thomas Brerewood by Jacob Bull and in the lease it calls for the construction of a grist mill. (-1) This land passed through many owners and in several of these titles, a mill is mentioned. (-2)

In the 1823 Baltimore County District 5 Tax Assessment the property is listed in the name of John Merriman of Benjamin and the Mill is valued at \$500.00.

In the will of John Merriman, the mill is specifically designated. (-3)

On the 1850 map of Baltimore County, this structure appears on the map and is designated as the Grist Mill of J. Merriman. This would be John Johnson Merriman to whom the mill was left by the will of his father in 1848.

The mill standing on 6 acres of ground, including the mill, dam, mill race, tail race and so on, was purchased by Samuel Miller from John J. Merriman in 1864. (-4)

In 1885, Samuel Miller also bought 14 square rods of property containing the Miller's house from John W. Merriman, (-5) the son of John J. and grandson of John Merriman of Benjamin.

From this, the exact date of origin of the Miller's house is not clear, but it seems certain that there was a mill in existence on this site from the time of John Merriman of Benjamin who built the Partridge House and probably the mill, which was on the same property. It would seem that the stone foundation of this structure has been there for some time and because of its construction, cannot be dated. The brick is more recent than the 1867 newspaper advertisement, (-6) and possibly was put on in replacement of the frame construction. The presence of half lapped and pegged rafters suggests that the roof might have been reused from the older structure.

According to the newspaper advertisement of 1867, the frame dwelling and sheds were erected in 1851. This would be three years after the acquisition of the mill property by John J. Merriman, the son of John Merriman of Benjamin, the probably builder of the mill.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8 acres

Acreage Justification:

Acreage owned by present resident is adequate to insure preservation of immediate environment.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.		DATE: January 1975
ORGANIZATION: My Lady's Manor Association		
STREET AND NUMBER: Rt. 1, Box 42		
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton	STATE: Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Baltimore	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Monkton Mill and Miller's House			
AND/OR HISTORIC: 			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: South side, Monkton Rd., east of Charles Run			
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton			
STATE: Maryland	CODE 	COUNTY: Baltimore	CODE
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map, Phoenix Quadrangle, Maryland			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1957			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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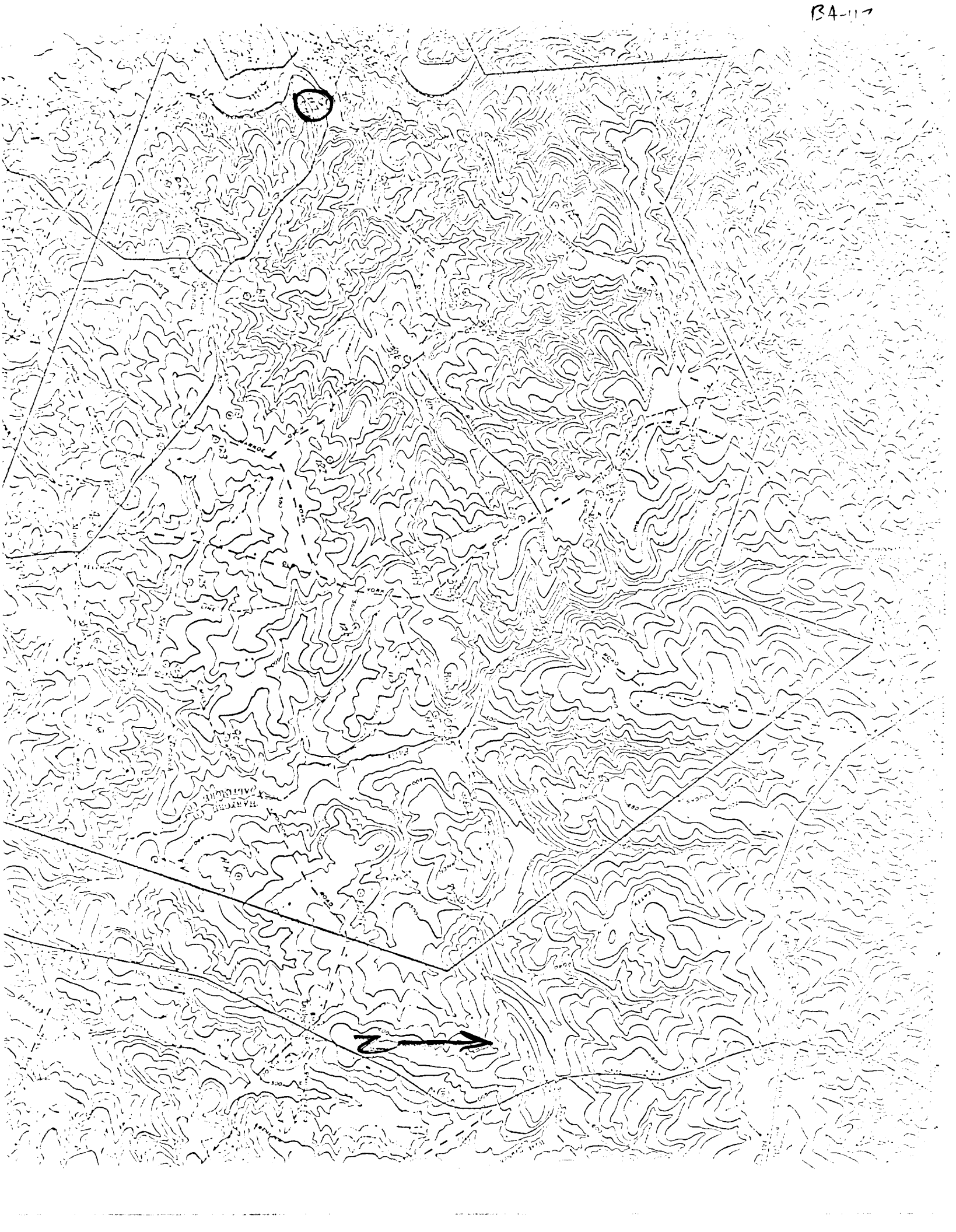
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Baltimore	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

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1. NAME			
COMMON: Monkton Mill and Miller's House			
AND/OR HISTORIC: 			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: South side, Monkton Rd. east of Charles Run			
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton			
STATE: Maryland	CODE 	COUNTY: Baltimore	CODE
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.			
DATE OF PHOTO: January 1975			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Maryland Historical Trust			
21 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
View from North			





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MONKTON MILL
and
MILLER'S HOUSE

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Monkton Mill and Miller's House

View from North

R.M.N. Crosby, M.D.

1/19/75

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